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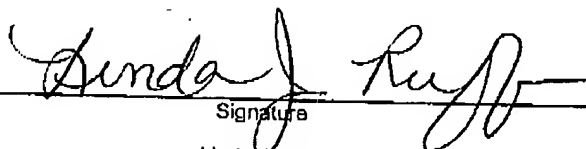
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| Application No.<br>10/020,167-Conf. #9273  |                                  | Filing Date<br>December 18, 2001 |                             | Examiner<br>S. D. Maki         |  |
| Applicant(s): Yoshikazu TANAKA   |                                  |                                  |                             |                                |  |
| Invention: CORD-EMBEDDED RUBBER TAPE FOR MAKING TIRE COMPONENT, TIRE COMPONENT AND TIRE  |                                  |                                  |                             |                                |  |
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, and supplemental to the Amendment filed on October 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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